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1. On 2 December 1947, the Soviet military headquarters for Scheibbs, Lower Austria, issued an order prohibiting exports out of the Scheibbs district into the zones of any of the other three Allies, without written permission from the Soviet Element of the Allied Commission for Austria, Vienna I, Herrengasse 11. The prohibition applied also to the non-Soviet districts of Vienna. Included on the prohibited list were food, dairy products, agricultural products, livestock, lumber, and all industrial products. The permission thus obtained is required to be certified by the Soviet authorities in Scheibbs. It was the responsibility of the mayors of the municipalities within the Scheibbs district to notify all their constituents. A probable result of attempts to evade this order will be confiscation of the goods concerned. [redacted] Comment: This is a move similar to that reported in Neunkirchen on 11 November 1947.

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2. Soviet demands for complete industrial reports - including origin and types of raw materials, monthly production, balance of raw materials and finished products at end of the month - were reported by the Sensenwerk Krenhof Blumauer & Co. This firm has a factory in Grabenberg, Styria, and offices in Vienna I, Fährichgasse 6. On 9 December, the Blech-und Bleisarenfabrik Gumpoldskirchen G.m.b.H., Gumpoldskirchen, Am Kanal 14, reported similar demands. Failure of factory managers to comply, according to a Russian-speaking representative of the Gumpoldskirchen firm who received the order from the Soviets, would mean two years in Siberia. Both firms, according to source, are 100% Austrian, and neither is under Soviet control.

3. Early in December 1947, the Soviet Element forbade the Patria Spinnerei und Wollwarenfabrikum A.G., a non-USIA stocking factory in Heidenreichstein, Lower Austria, to deliver its goods to non-Soviet zones after 1 January 1948. According to source, Patria manufactures 40% of Austria's stockings, and this prohibition constitutes a great blow to the already critical wearing apparel situation. Comment: reported this plant as slated for seizure by the Russians; so far, the seizure has not taken place.)

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